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LOST IN THE WILDS OF TANGANYIKA

White man and African boy make a
perilous trek to safety

LOST and wandering in a Tanganyika wilderness known as the "pori," with only honey and water to keep them going, has lately been the grim experience of a white District Assistant and an African boy.

The "pori," a vast waste of parched bush, rotting jungle, and dried streams near Lake Tanganyika, defied every attempt by rescuers to find the lost pair. Only by sheer chance did they manage to reach safety.

Mr. Jordan and the youth, who had gone out to shoot geese on a small lake, were first missed when they did not return in the evening. Next morning 60 picked Mashingu hunters made a circular sweep.

The searchers became increasingly worried, for the ground was covered with spoor of leopard, elephant, buffalo, and lion.

A chief appealed to the Maha tribe, noted hunters, and at dead of night hundreds left their huts. By dawn, 3000 Africans were striking into the "pori."

After losing their way, the pair had spent the first night in a clearing, with a fire started with one of Mr. Jordan's last five matches. Next morning, they trekked in intense heat.

His tongue swollen, the District Assistant recalled reading that sucking buttons relieved thirst, so he tore three from his shirt.

Spoor indicated a river, which they thankfully approached. But

as they painfully negotiated thick reeds, a full-grown elephant emerged suddenly and crashed towards them.

Racing for safety, they doubled round to another part of the bank. There they drank as much as they dared of the brackish water.

A streak on the distant hills proved, after a two-hour march, to be, not a road, but a soil erosion scar. The boy showed signs of exhaustion, so Mr. Jordan halted. He reconnoitred, and found a little water. The night, cold and eerie, brought little rest.

NO SIGHT OF FIRES

Another dawn revealed grass 12 feet high, preventing any chance of sighting guide fires. Tsetse flies plagued them.

Save for the water, they had during 40 hours merely licked grass and leaves. Then they spotted a tree with a bee-nest.

The craving for honey was desperate, but Mr. Jordan was soon scrambling down with hostile bees buzzing about him! But the boy was more successful, and their repast was truly sweet.

Finding an old gourd was another stroke of luck. They patched it with wax and filled it from a stream. With honey wrapped in the boy's shirt, the pair gained heart.

But soon there came other reminders that they were lost in a wilderness. Bush gave place to low-lying, steamy jungle, with creepers hanging from the trees; they encountered a thick "marsh" of dead leaves, the growth of years. Depressing silence brooded.

SNAKE DISTURBED

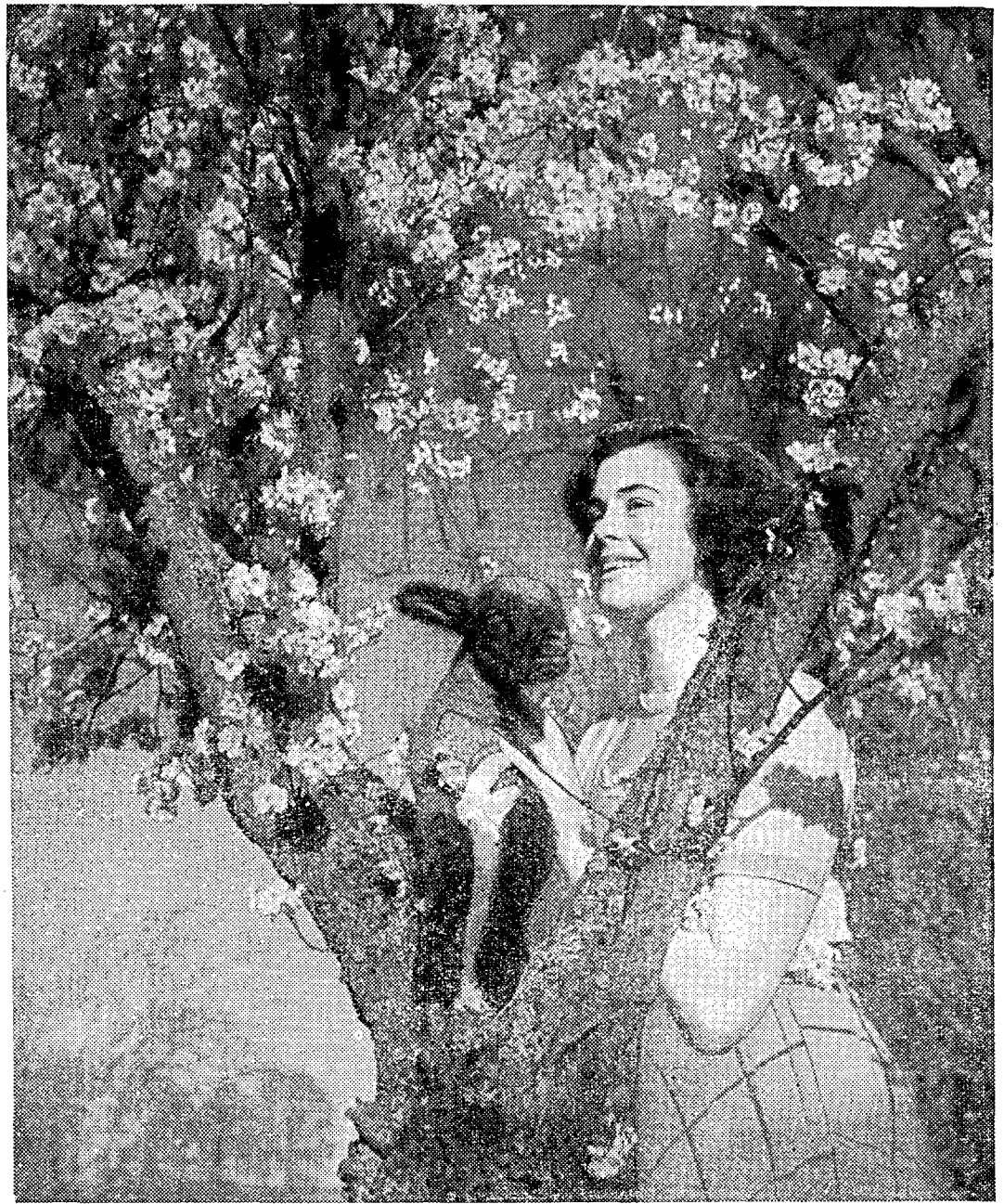
Once, brushing aside what seemed to be a hanging creeper, Mr. Jordan was startled to see it vanish—"like a long paper whistle that coils up in a flash when you stop blowing." He had disturbed a tree python!

Monitor lizards, five feet long, scuttled through the undergrowth. From weird-shaped yellow and red flowers came heavy, sickly scents.

After lighting another signal fire, Mr. Jordan decided to march toward the hills until 8 p.m. Then they swallowed some honey and

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Gentle Spring in sunshine clad



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water, and prepared for their third night. With the fire the fifth and final match had gone.

Mosquitoes and red ants disturbed their rest. But worse was revealed by daylight, for ants had devoured the honey and the wax patch on the gourd. All but a spoonful of water had seeped out.

Aching, weak, and thirsty, they resumed the seemingly hopeless trek. Within an hour they saw, almost unbelieving, what appeared to be a gap in the forest.

As they scrambled towards it they heard voices. They had emerged on a road—and only a stone's throw from a road labour camp! Excited Africans crowded round them.

Before long, Mr. Jordan shook hands with his brave African companion, and thankfully tottered to a car which took him to a bath, bed, and a square meal.

Fled now the sullen murmurs
of the North,
The splendid raiment of the
Spring peeps forth.
His universal green and the
clear sky
Delight still more and more
the gazing eye.

Robert Bloomfield

PHONE FOR A BLACKSMITH

Farmers in North Norfolk who have the misfortune to break one of their implements can now telephone a blacksmith. Within a few minutes he is on the farm, complete with a mobile smithy.

This new service, which operates from Sheringham, has been started by a man who has been a blacksmith for nearly 60 years. His workshop, converted from a baker's delivery van, is equipped to carry out welding and all kinds of light engineering repairs on the spot.

GIVING THEM SOCKS

A well-known firm of sock manufacturers is to subject its products to a rigorous practical test.

Two men wearing them will set out on March 23 from Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, on a 325-mile tour, walking from seven to 14 miles each day and should arrive in London on April 21.

The firm already fully investigates its products by research, but the laboratory will be able to gain additional information by this practical test. The proof of the socks is in the walking.

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HIGH JINKS IN DORMOUSE DORMITORIES

Giant bushy-tailed dormice that have emigrated from Tring Park in Hertfordshire have been alarming householders with their midnight pranks in attics.

Twice as big as our native species, these dormice were introduced to Tring Park 50 years ago to find if they would breed there. The experiment has been too successful, for the newcomers have spread out over the countryside from Tring.

In the autumn, when they have become fat, they seek some loft or attic in which to pass the winter, preferring one that has apples stored in it. As staying in bed for six or seven months is dull even for a dormouse, from time to time they wake up for a snack. Then, ready for some fun, they play with the apples, bowling them about over the floor.

People below hearing the strange bumpings in the night were at first puzzled. But following investigations by a pest expert, a report on them has been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, and in future the dormice will have to be more discreet—or else . . .

NEW MEN AT THE HELM IN MOSCOW

By the C N Diplomatic Correspondent

WITH the passing of Josef Stalin and the reshaping of the Soviet hierarchy, the whole world has been speculating about likely changes in policy.

There have been many changes in the structure of the Soviet Government, and these seem designed to concentrate the power primarily in the hands of five or six men.

Mr. Georgi Maximilianovich Malenkov, in succeeding Marshal Stalin as Chairman of the Council of Ministers, has become at one move the official leader of the Soviets' 200 million people.

He was in the Red Army when at 18 he took to politics. Step by step he advanced in reputation as a young man of grim efficiency. By the time he was 26 he had become Marshal Stalin's private secretary. From that point he stayed close to the centre of power, though still little-known to the outside world.

In 1941 Mr. Malenkov made a sensational speech, condemning laziness and self-complacency in the Government. Only someone who had Marshal Stalin's entire approval would have dared to make such a speech.

RISE TO EMINENCE

This view was proved correct when a few months later he became a member of the inner Soviet Cabinet.

Now, at 52, he is himself the leader, a man few Western diplomats have ever seen, who speaks only Russian and has had no direct contact with the world beyond the Iron Curtain.

Another place in the inner circle of power has fallen to Mr. Lavrenti Pavlovich Beria, now Minister of the Interior. Chief of the much-feared Soviet Secret Police, Mr. Beria is quiet-voiced and studious-looking. Since 1938, when he first took charge of the State security

forces, he has been a power behind the scenes.

Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, who is 63, takes again the post of Foreign Minister in which he made such a reputation for saying "No" to Western statesmen.

He has a shrewd and business-like air, lit with a glint of humour. In his youth he helped to establish the Soviet regime, and since that time he has come to know the Western world well, perhaps better than any other man in Russia.

The new War Minister is Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, who is 57. Mayor of Moscow before the war, he took to politics fairly late in his career, but Western diplomats who have met him say he is more approachable than most Soviet statesmen.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

Marshal Klimentiy Voroshilov, one of the founders of the Red Army, has become President of the Soviet Union. Known as "Klim" to the Russian people, the 72-year-old Marshal who defended Leningrad began his working life as a miner and became one of Josef Stalin's closest friends.

It is noticeable that in this critical period the younger men, recently encouraged, have for the time being at any rate lost important places in the Government to the veterans. All the most important Ministers are over 50.

Amid the welter of speculation one fact must be borne in mind: power remains in the hands of men who were all close to Josef Stalin. They doubtless saw eye to eye with him in his major policies—otherwise he would not have tolerated them for an instant.

THE PASSING OF A DICTATOR

The death of no other great ruler in history can have caused so much anxious discussion throughout the world as that of Josef Stalin. For 29 years he shaped the destinies of the Soviet Union, and his decisions indirectly affected the lives of all of us.

More powerful than Napoleon, he ruled vaster territories than Kublai Khan, and has been compared with Ivan the Terrible.

Stalin's real name was Josef Dzhugashvili. Son of a poor cobbler, he was born near Tiflis in Georgia in 1879, and originally trained for the priesthood.

When he was 20, he joined the revolutionary party which aimed at overthrowing the Tsarist regime, and during the next 18 years was imprisoned as an agitator, escaped, was hunted by the Tsarist police, and imprisoned again.

When Lenin came to power in 1917 Stalin was one of his close advisers. Five years later he became Secretary-General of the Communist Party.

After Lenin's death in 1924 the leaders of the Russian Communists began to quarrel among themselves. Trotsky, who disagreed with Stalin's policy, was exiled. Later came the fall of Zinoviev, Kamenev, and Bukharin; and with their fall Stalin assumed supreme powers. He used them ruthlessly.

The rise of Hitler in Germany soon became a threat to Russia, and Stalin made treaties with France and Czechoslovakia. But in 1939 he suddenly switched, and made a pact with Nazi Germany. This did not save Russia from attack by Germany in 1941, and then, as dauntless leader of the Russian people in their fight for existence, Stalin was at his greatest.

Yet when the war ended Stalin mysteriously brushed aside the proffered hand of friendship, and Russia and her wartime allies tragically drifted into the so-called Cold War.

It is a strange and dreadful story, and now the world anxiously awaits the next chapter.

Visitor from Belgrade

A man who has long been the subject of fierce controversy is in London this week. Marshal Tito, President of Yugoslavia, and dictator of his country's policies, is paying an official visit to Britain.

Some of his actions, and speeches, have been bitterly resented in the West, writes the C N Diplomatic Correspondent. At the same time, but for different reasons, he has roused anger behind the Iron Curtain.

It is hoped that Marshal Tito's talks with the Ministers of the British Government will lead to a better understanding between Yugoslavia and the Western democracies.

Although Mr. Eden, Britain's Foreign Minister, has said that no treaties will arise out of the talks, the opportunity of banishing some of the shadows that darken the European scene could not be missed.

LOOKING WESTWARD

What sort of a man is Marshal Tito?

He defied the Soviets by rejecting their attempts to dominate Yugoslavia, and in doing so he broke through the Iron Curtain. His eyes and those of his country would seem now to be turned westward.

At 61, Marshal Tito is bronzed and burly, a strong and self-reliant man with a reputation for courage and tenacity which even his enemies would not deny.

He believes that for the safety and continued independence of Yugoslavia his Government must have a power and authority over the lives of the people which would never be tolerated in Britain.

Nevertheless, there are indications that new laws will modify this dictatorial attitude.

The new laws give Yugoslavia a reformed constitution. In theory and perhaps in practice the revised method of governing the people allows more authority to Yugoslavia's National Assembly.

Hitherto, Marshal Tito's Parliament has passed without demur what he and his leading Ministers have considered best for the country.

IT DOES NOT WORK

All this means that Marshal Tito is anxious to dispense with the sort of Communism which the Russians claim is an indispensable part of the doctrine. Marshal Tito has said in effect: "It does not work."

The changes suggest that Yugoslavia may be moving slowly, perhaps in some ways uncertainly, towards the western conception of democracy.

Events in Russia, of course, have given increased importance to the visit of the Yugoslav President at this time. He knows probably a good deal more than any Western statesman about the hopes, fears, and aspirations in the Eastern European countries—indeed, in the Kremlin itself—and these are certainly among the subjects under discussion during his visit to London.

News from Everywhere

CAREFUL DRIVERS

Some 2,400,000 accident-free miles in 26 years have won awards for three Suffolk bus drivers. They are Mr. E. A. Bennett and Mr. P. Nunn of Bury St. Edmunds, and Mr. F. Ellis of Walsham-le-Willows.

Since the American Bible Society started producing Braille scripts in 1835, Bibles for the Blind have been printed in 30 different languages and systems.

St. Paul's Cathedral choir is to tour America later in the year.



Annette, Robert, Paul, and, at the back, Kevin, the famous Taylor quads of Edmonton, Middlesex, all together on one seat.

A British Friesian, Zenda Bountiful, at Kidlington, Oxford, has become the first cow in the world to produce more than 2000 lbs. of butter in a year—enough for a year's butter ration for 217 people.

FORE!

President Eisenhower, a keen golfer, practises shots on the White House lawns, because he is too busy to visit a golf course.

Seventeen-year-old Derek Sadler of Hillingdon, Middlesex, recently made his first solo flight after only 130 minutes' instruction.

Four bulldozers which had been dropped in sections by parachute ten years ago have been found still in their original packing in island jungles in the South Pacific.

A statue of Mahatma Gandhi is to be put up in Tavistock Square, Bloomsbury, London.

A centre for teaching industrial safety methods has been opened at Birmingham.

British Railways recently made the biggest week's clearance of coal for over three years. They moved 3,365,210 tons.

AUTHOR'S WINDOW

A stained-glass window in memory of Canon J. O. Hannay is to be placed in Holy Trinity Church, Kensington, where he was vicar for 16 years. An Ulsterman, he was a popular novelist under the pen-name of George A. Birmingham. He died in 1950 at the age of 84.

Continental visitors to Britain this summer will be able to buy special railway tickets which will take them on unlimited journeys anywhere in the country.

A Stone Age burial ground containing relics of some of the earliest inhabitants of Europe has been discovered at Sonderhausen, Germany.

Bishop King of Portsmouth will present a banner to the school which gives most generously during Lenten collections for the Child Welfare Society.

A Herts County Council report states that danger ages for road accidents are five for pedestrians, 15 for cyclists, and 25 for motorcyclists.

ATTRACTIVE IDEA

Plans are being considered at London Airport to use giant magnets to clear the runways of nuts and bolts and pieces of metal.

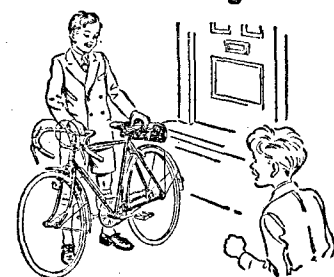
Since last May, 19 boys from the Leeds area have undergone courses organised by the Outward Bound School Association. Thirteen attended the Mountain School, and six the Sea School.

Girl Guides and Brownies in Rutland have "adopted" a family of four Ukrainians who are in a camp for displaced persons near Hanover. Each pack takes it in turn to write and send small gifts.

STEPPING OUT

Winner of the West of England coal-carrying championship, Mr. E. Rapson, of Helston, Cornwall, carried a one-cwt. sack for 7½ miles in an hour and 46 minutes.

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TYRES PUMPED UP WITH WATER

A CN paragraph on the use of water instead of air in tyres had a special interest for one reader. Mr. George Sanderson, who farms at Bradfield, near Sheffield, writes of his own experience:

I use a tractor on my farm, which has some steep, heavy land, and I found that after heavy rain the tractor was hopeless—the wheels would skid and work was at a standstill.

However, after filling the rear tyres with water (plus two lbs. per gallon of calcium chloride to prevent the water from freezing and

cutting the inner tubes), the tractor would travel under almost any conditions.

Contrary to your article, I find that the tractor rides much more comfortably, as the extra weight seems to do away with so much bouncing, especially over rough ground.

The tyres also last much longer, as the weight stops the wheels from skidding, or creeping, as we call it, and so reduces wear. For tyre pressures we reckon two lbs. per square inch extra, to compensate for the extra weight of the water.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT AGAINST FLU

Influenza continues to plague mankind, but reports from the World Health Organisation London Influenza Centre raise hopes that the day may come when it will be as rare as smallpox.

Scientists from 44 countries have made promising steps towards the control of epidemics. Vaccines which will give protection against flu can now be prepared in large quantities and quickly enough for mass vaccinations to be carried out before the disease reaches epidemic proportions.

But the flu germ will not easily be defeated. Each new wave of the epidemic is likely to be different from the last and will require a new vaccine. The present task of the scientists is to develop a vaccine which will afford protection against every type of flu known to them.

43,000 OPPORTUNITIES

Young people wishing to study in other countries will find much information in Unesco's recently-published book, Study Abroad, Volume 5 (Stationery Office, 7s. 6d.). It contains details of 43,000 opportunities for students to continue their education abroad.

Facilities for study in Japan are recorded for the first time. Last year there were 85,162 young men and women of the free world studying in lands other than their own. Of these, more than 30,000 were attending universities in the United States, nearly 9000 in France, and nearly 6000 in Britain.

RETURN OF A VULTURE

The great bearded vulture has turned up again. Thought to have been extinct in Europe for almost 70 years, specimens have been seen flying over the Austrian Alps in western Austria, and two of them have built a nest in a cliff side. The birds have a wing spread of eight feet four inches.

The last great bearded-vulture on record in the Alps was discovered dead in 1886 in Switzerland, and the bird was also said to have died out in the Pyrenees.

LOST SHEEP

It has been estimated that out of a total hill population of more than 150,000 sheep, there were 2000 casualties on West Riding farms during the February snowstorms.

Fortunately the losses were but a fraction of those sustained in the 1947 blizzards. In that year some 40,000 of the 154,000 hill sheep in the West Riding were lost before the lambing season began. Not until last autumn did the flocks begin to return to their former numbers.

OUT OF THE DEPTHS

A three-foot notacanthus, a type of fish very rarely seen, has been landed at Grimsby by a trawler.

The fish is so rarely caught because it is a very deep-water fish. This specimen was caught in 165 fathoms off Iceland—comparatively shallow water for one of its kind.

It was sent to the British Museum.



Farming lesson at school

Pupils of the recently-opened Southmead Primary School, Wimbledon Park, gather round a goat which is being used in a lesson on farming.

PETER SCOTT IN SOUTH AMERICA

Mr. Peter Scott, the famous naturalist, has gone to South America to study and take colour films of the wild fowl there.

He took two suits made of specially-woven Irish linen, which will make his journeys in the tropics more comfortable. When he reaches the windswept island of Tierra Del Fuego, off the southern tip of the continent, however, he will muffle himself in warmer garments.

Mr. Scott hopes to bring back rare specimens of birds to add to the collection of the Severn Wild Fowl Trust, of which he is director.

WALKED 80,000 MILES TO WORK

A great walker died recently in Sheffield at the age of 80. He was Mr. William Allen, and he estimated that he had walked 80,000 miles in going to and from his work at a Sheffield foundry for 46 years.

At the age of 50 he also took up walking as a sport, and in 13 years won over 50 prizes and many medals.

Vice-president of the National Road Walking Association, Mr. Allen held other offices in connection with the sport, and for 25 years was a well-known judge of walking contests.

FOWEY'S OLD BELL

As the turret above Fowey School was in a dangerous condition, it was decided to bring the bell to the ground.

Interesting details then came to light. Made of brass and weighing 92 lbs., the bell has an inscription stating that it was presented to the school in 1693 by a Mr. Shadrach Vincent.

The bell undoubtedly served a dual purpose—calling the children to school and warning the Cornish townsfolk to take up arms quickly. For in those far-off days the French often sailed up the Fowey River, burning and plundering the little town.

CELEBRATIONS IN DONCASTER

One hundred years ago this month the citizens of Doncaster held a meeting and decided to build a new parish church to replace the one that had just been destroyed by fire. In the middle of the night of February 28, 1853, everyone had been horrified to see it a gigantic furnace, lighting up the sky for miles around.

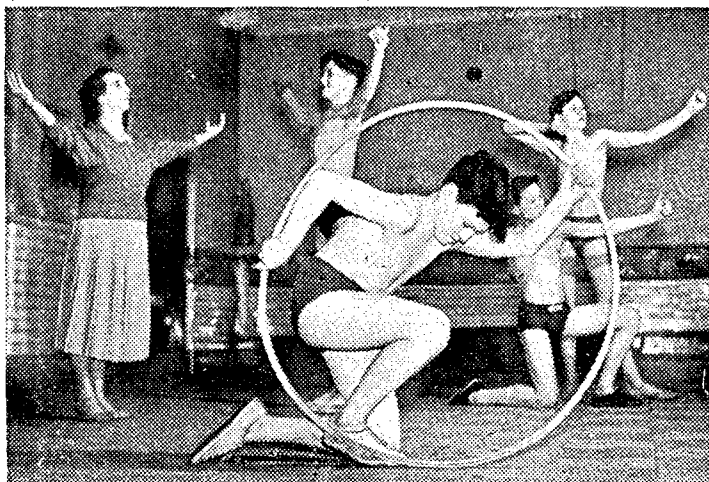
No time was lost in building a new church of St. George—as magnificent as the old. Its lofty tower rising 170 feet above smooth lawns is a familiar landmark to all who travel on the Great North Road, and the townsfolk are justifiably proud of it.

Doncaster's 1953 commemoration of the town's 1853 effort takes the form of starting a fund to raise £20,000 for church purposes. And as part of the centenary celebrations the town's fire brigade has given a display to show how quickly a fire at the parish church would be dealt with now.

FAVOURITES STILL

Books that have enthralled several generations are still popular. This has been shown by Margate children in an essay competition on My Favourite Book, which has been run by the town's public libraries.

Among the favourites were Treasure Island, Black Beauty, The Master of Ballantrae, the Wind in the Willows, Jane Eyre, Little Women, and Tom Brown's School-days.



Ballet for Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts in Newcastle rehearse their parts for a fantasy in ballet—one of the items in their annual Gang Show, which is to be presented next month.

The OVALTINE'S own Puzzle Corner

Ovaltine! Can you answer these "Do you know's"?

1. WHAT INSTRUMENT?
2. WHAT GAME?
3. WHAT FITTING?
4. WHAT DRUM?
5. WHAT COSTUME?
6. WHAT TOOL?

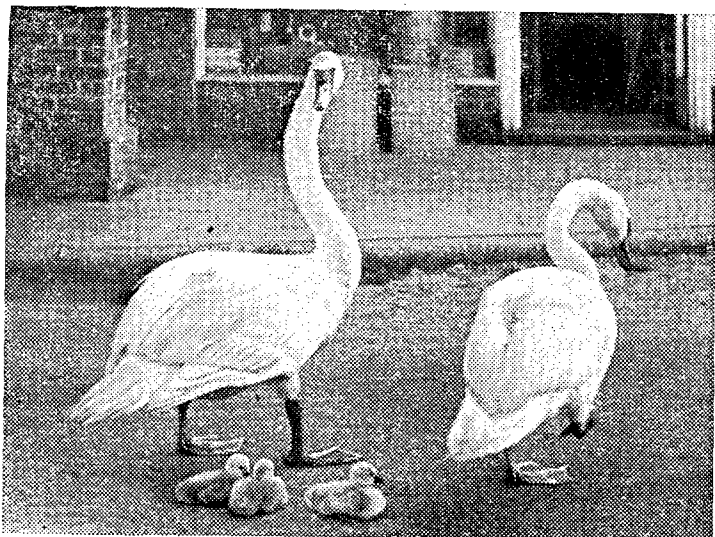
EVERY BOY AND GIRL SHOULD JOIN THE LEAGUE OF OVALTINEYS

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3. CLEAT—A holdfast for rope.
4. KETTLE-DRUM—A drum with a round base.
5. WELSH NATIONAL COSTUME.
6. BROCH—Used to drill bung-holes in barrels.



Family outing

Out for a stroll through Lewes, Sussex, with their parents, the three cygnets soon tired of walking and sat down in the road for a short rest.

DIGGING UP HISTORY IN CYPRUS

Half-buried under sandhills, amid scrub and trees on the island of Cyprus, were the broken columns of the ancient city of Salamis. They were all that remained of the great seaport where Paul and Barnabas founded a Christian community.

Now a partial clearance of the ruins has been made by the Cyprus Antiquities Department, and many of the columns have been carefully re-erected. Here visitors can walk among colonnades where Paul and Barnabas passed by, and tread the

actual pavement which may have known their feet.

Shovelling the huge mounds of blown sand away from these walls, columns, and pavements has been rewarding work indeed for the archaeologists.

One of their greatest thrills must have been when their spades touched something hard and, scooping away the sand, they found themselves looking into the marble face of a beautiful woman. It was an exquisitely-carved head of the goddess Aphrodite, a work of art that first took shape in the fourth century B.C. Across 23 centuries the lovely face of the goddess gazed calmly at the awed and grimy diggers.

OTHER TREASURES

Among other treasures dug out of the sand were a headless marble statue of a young Dionysus, many fragments of wall mosaics of the early Christian period, and a gold coin of the Roman Emperor Justinian, which was found built into a wall.

Salamis had been in existence for at least 1200 years before Paul and Barnabas came with their new message. In the days of its glory Salamis was a wealthy seaport on the east coast of Cyprus and the principal city of the island.

It was still a flourishing seaport with a large Jewish colony when Paul and Barnabas arrived: "And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews" (Acts 13, 5). They walked right through the island to Paphos on the other side, where Paul met the false prophet, Bar-jesus.

DYING CITY

Salamis lived for well over 2000 years, but in the Middle Ages the harbour silted up, trade vanished, and the stones of the fine buildings were taken to build Famagusta, farther down the coast.

The ruins of Salamis disappeared beneath sandhills, trees, and scrub, and no attempt was made at excavation until 1890. Then part of the Marble Forum was uncovered, but gradually the sand crept back. Now the Cyprus Government has returned to the task.



Seeing the Fleet

TELEVISION will give viewers "front seats" at the Coronation Naval Review at Spithead on June 15.

TV equipment, including a "fire-escape" aerial, will be mounted on H.M.S. Superb next month for test transmissions from the English Channel.

The transmissions from Spithead will be sent through repeater stations on the Hampshire and Surrey hills to Alexandra Palace.

Battle of the Blues

THE story of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race, going back to the first race of 1829, will be told in the Home Service on March 26—two days before this year's race.

Producer Michael Barsley, himself an Oxford man, tells me that he is looking for someone from Cambridge to help to restore the balance. Besides himself, three other Oxonians—John Snagge, G. O. Nichols, and John Lane—will be recounting such famous incidents as the dead-heat of 1877 and the double-sinking in 1912.

Listeners will also hear a recorded description of the 1877 race by Lord Desborough, who rowed in it.

Dog stars

WHO ever heard of dogs teaching road safety? In Children's Television on March 20 three dogs of the Road Safety Dog Display Team will prove their ability to do so in the playground of a Bristol school.

All the schoolchildren will be watching alongside the TV cameras while Chappie, Lassie, and Della give their display. They are star members of a team which has travelled some 12,000 miles and been seen by nearly half a million children.

"Teach a dog road safety," says their trainer, Eric Irvine, "and you teach yourself at the same time."

At the organ

LISTENERS with keen ears will notice a difference when Out to Play returns on April 4.

In this Saturday afternoon light entertainment in Children's Hour, Lionel Gamlin introduces three regulars—Charles Smart at the organ, Ivor Dennis playing the piano, and Clarence Wright singing. Until now the organ music has come by cable from the huge BBC theatre instrument which completely fills the old "Jubilee" chapel in Islington, North London.

But Out to Play is now to have a children's studio audience for the first time, and in order that Charles Smart shall be seen in person, he will be playing on an electronic organ in the studio.

T V symbol

AFTER May 1 the BBC hopes that viewers will never again see a blank screen while the stations are "on the air."

A TV symbol will be flashed on the screen at moments when the screen would otherwise be bare.

GRAVEN HILL, C.N. Correspondent at Regent's Park, writes of...

NEW ATTRACTIONS AT THE CHILDREN'S ZOO

THE CHILDREN'S Zoo, gaily decorated for Coronation year, will reopen next Monday with several big new attractions.

One of these is an all-weather studio in which young visitors will be able to have their photographs taken with baby animals—among them a red deer fawn just received from Epping Forest, and a young chimpanzee yet to be selected.

Another novelty will be a canary exhibition, for which 60 birds have already arrived as a gift from a Surbiton resident, who himself bred many of them. They will be seen in a large aviary, complete with nest-boxes.

Advice on the keeping and breeding of canaries will be given free.

IN another part of the enclosure the authorities hope to have a baby elephant.

This animal, which is still "on the bottle," is at present at the Colombo Zoo, Ceylon; but officials are negotiating with the superintendent there, and are very hopeful of a successful outcome.

"If we can secure this animal it will be flown over here as soon as the weather gets milder," a Zoo official told me. "It will, of course, be too small to give rides, but children will be allowed to go into its stall to pet and feed it."

ARRANGEMENTS are being made to continue all last year's attractions, including the Exhibition Hall, with its ever-popular Mousetown (200 fancy mice will be obtained for this shortly).

A new feature in the Hall which it is hoped to have later this season is a special display of silk-moths from India and Canada.

A heavy demand is expected this season for donkey and pony rides. These will be obtainable free on "Rotten Row," a special riding track previously used for the purpose but which, this season, will be gaily lined with poles carrying the flags of all nations. All riding animals will be wearing new saddles and harness.

THE Coronation "edition" of the Children's Zoo has been planned not only to entertain; education and instruction will be well to the fore.

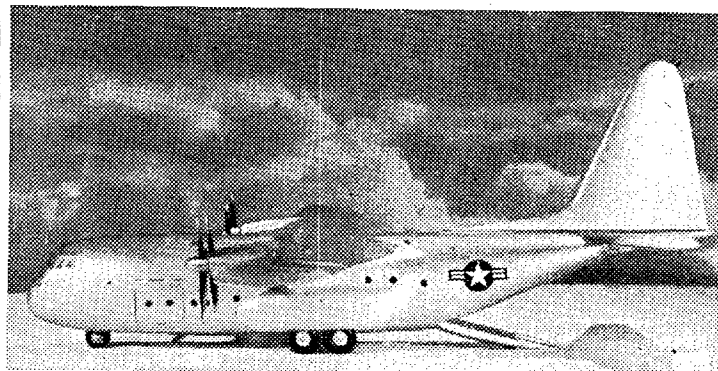
There will, for example, be regular demonstrations in housing, cleaning, and feeding pet animals of all kinds; breeding butterflies; incubating chickens (a large illuminated dolls' house for day-old chicks is a feature of the Exhibition Hall); and making friends with wild birds.

The instruction will be given by Miss Maureen McVady, the supervisor, and ten girl assistants, for whom a new and attractive uniform has been designed. It consists of a smart green blouse, fawn jodhpurs, chocolate cardigan, and a short mackintosh for use in bad weather.

The Children's Zoo girls, except for a very small permanent staff, are engaged for the summer months only, and competition this year has been keener than ever. Officials have had much hard work in selecting the lucky few from some hundreds of applicants.

Two of the girls who have been engaged worked in the enclosure last season, and already have many friends among young visitors. They are Yolande Prada, who has flown back from Italy, and Shirley Coops, of South Kensington.

PLANES FOR THE SPOTTER'S NOTEBOOK



35. Lockheed C-130

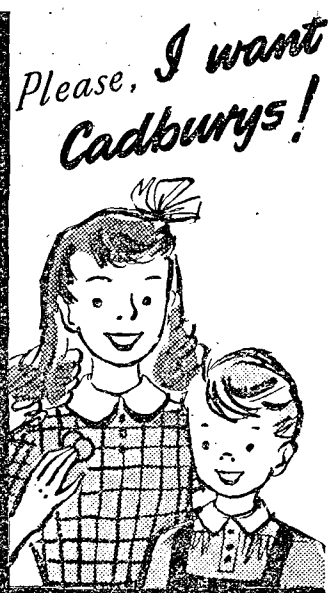
This rather bulky-looking troop-carrier and cargo plane is the first transport in the United States to be designed from the outset to use turboprop power. A simple, ruggedly-built machine, it can be used for a variety of jobs.

In the role of troop-carrier, its short take-off run and special undercarriage arrangements will enable it to operate from small landing strips or emergency airfields; as an ambulance it will accommodate stretcher patients and attendants; and as a cargo plane it will carry very heavy pieces of field equipment.

The main characteristic of the design is the sharply-upswep tail. The rear fuselage had to be cut away in this fashion to make room for the loading ramp which serves as the rear door.

This can be lowered to the level of the floor of trucks to help loading operations or be used as a ramp to enable vehicles to be driven straight in. It can be opened in flight during "air drops" or para-troop operations.

The plane is fitted with four Allison T-38 turboprops, each of which drives a three-bladed airscrew. Span is 132 feet, length 95 feet, and height 38 feet.



Yes, they both want Cadburys Milk Chocolate, because they love its beautiful creamy taste. And Cadburys make milk chocolate bars which fit in well with young people's pocket money. So when you call in for your weekly ration, just say 'I want Cadburys, please!'



The Children's Newspaper, March 21, 1953

Making Flags for the Glorious Second of June



A smiling worker with an armful of Union Jacks, which are being produced in thousands

BUNTING by the mile is being turned into hundreds of thousands of flags, banners, pennants, and hangings of all kinds to celebrate the crowning of our Queen, writes our special correspondent.

Beside the motor highway from London to Maidstone the big new factory of Benjamin Edgington has been working at top pressure for months—ever since it opened—to satisfy the huge demand for bunting for the Coronation.

The material is a specially-woven wool which allows the air to blow through it to some extent, thus lessening wind-resistance. A closely-woven material would soon flap itself to pieces.

For national flags rolls of bunting are dyed to specified colours which are laid down by the Admiralty, and the shade has to be exactly right. The Admiralty also notifies flag-makers of any changes in shape or colour which may take place in national flags.

IN this factory tens of thousands of flags up to two yards long, besides much larger flags and miles of coloured bunting for decorating buildings and shops, are being produced.

One of the cutters, a pretty dark-haired girl named Shirley Angus, explained to me how a Union Jack is made out of 31 separate pieces of bunting—16 white, 8 blue, and 7 red.

Then there is an extra piece—made of canvas and called the heading—which is a kind of sleeve holding a short length of rope with which the flag is fastened to the halyard of a flagstaff. The pieces are first tacked together on a big table and then put through a sewing-machine.

A Royal Standard I saw, about four times as big as a full-sized billiards table, had each of its four quarters made separately. I watched a red lion being tacked on to the Scottish quarter.

The lion had been painted on both sides of a separate piece of bunting. This was tacked on by

Shirley—it was so big that she had to hop onto the table to do it—and then she took a big pair of scissors and went all round the lion's body, cutting away the unpainted material.

Later she would cut through the yellow background and insert the painted lion into the shape thus left. Then the edges would be turned in and stitched.

Mr. Valentine, the firm's heraldic artist, explained to me that the lion and the other emblems have to be absolutely uniform according to the prescribed design—even to the highlights on the lion's claws.

I was also shown a new standard for the Duke of Edinburgh. One quarter of it bears a castle, in reference to the city whence he takes his title. But it is a heraldic castle and is not supposed to be a picture of Edinburgh Castle.

Cheap flags, of course, can be produced by printing. But good flags always consist of separate pieces of coloured bunting stitched

together; if a design has to be added this is either painted free-hand or stencil-printed by a silk screen process.

Besides the usual sorts of flags, the factory makes little ones for cars, such as are used by diplomats and Service officers.

It also makes advertising banners for trailing behind aircraft. Such banners are 80 feet long, special canvas for two-thirds of that length, and netting being used for the rest.

It is always the "fly" or outer end, that gets the most wear and tear, and netting lets the air through and serves also as a weight to keep the banner spread out properly.

And how long does a flag last? Well, it depends upon the care that is taken of it. A flag may last years or, if flown at the stern of a destroyer going full speed in a gale, it might last only one day.

Where flags have to be flown every day it is usual to have two

sizes, the small one being called a storm flag.

"Never put a flag away wet," I was told. Wet bunting has its weave clogged by water and does not let the air through, thus greatly increasing the effect of the wind and the amount of flap.

Flag-making seems a very popular job, and I was told that there is no difficulty in getting people to take it up. And just now these workers know that they are helping to brighten up the whole country for the crowning glory of this summer.



One of the heraldic artists paints a design of St. Andrew for a banner



A Royal Standard held by two girls who helped to make it



An artist superintends the printing of a standard for the Duke of Edinburgh



Many decorative flags are produced at the factory, such as this one with a bold crown design



A girl using a mechanical cutter to trim the bunting for the flags

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EVER-WELCOME SPRING

Fair Spring! whose simplest promise more delights Than all their largest wealth, and through the heart Each joy and new-born hope With softest influence breathes.

DURING the last two or three weeks Spring has made some fleeting appearances, as if to reassure us all that the grimmest of winters in living memory would soon be ended. This week she makes her official bow, sure of a tumultuous greeting.

The season of reviving nature always stirs fresh hopes, and this year hope is probably on firmer ground than for a long time past. The whole world can take heart in the fact that the nations are still in regular consultation on how best to live together.

While they keep together in the council chambers of the United Nations we can hold firm to the belief in what Mr. Adlai Stevenson has called the "triumph of spirit over matter, of love and liberty over force and violence."

In Britain we greet the Spring with extra expectancy this year, for it is a harbinger of the Coronation summer and all that the crowning of a young Queen means for our national life.

Welcome, sweet Spring!



Under the Editor's Table

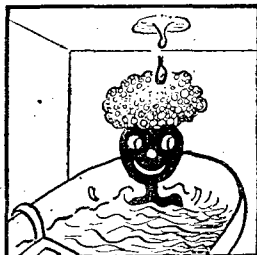
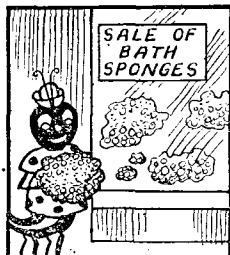
PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If singers who are pressed to sing go flat

Whatever you do, says a doctor, add a bit of exercise to it. If it only means exercising your imagination.

Chess is very popular among boys at a certain Luton school. Draughts leave them cold.

BILLY BEETLE



English puddings are too heavy, says a writer. He has been weighing them up.

An American dancer is anxious to come to England. And will take steps to get here.

A boy says his hobby is photographing dogs. Ought to get some good snaps.

The Editor's Table

Marching with the times

THE head of BBC Outside Broadcasts, Mr. Joly de Lotbinière, had been looking backward before he spoke to the Radio Industries Club recently about televising the Coronation in Westminster Abbey.

In 1066, he said, William I permitted the service (on Christmas Day) to be recorded in illuminated manuscripts. Henry VIII allowed drawings to be made. William IV, in 1830, gave permission for oil paintings.

It was George V who first allowed photographs to be taken, and at George VI's Coronation in 1937 films were permitted but television cameras were banned.

Now, in 1953, Queen Elizabeth II has graciously consented to the use of every known means of communication and presentation, including colour films and TV.

Thirty Years Ago

LIKE a monument, there stands on the Suffolk coast a solitary church tower, the last remnant of the old city of Dunwich.

Dating from Anglo-Saxon times, Dunwich was once the capital of the Kingdom of East Anglia, and had a bishopric, a palace, and a school which was the seed of Cambridge University. But bit by bit, church by church, sometimes indeed in whole streets, the city was devoured by the sea, and now all that remains of it is this one church tower.

This last lonely tower is now threatened. The recent gales have torn away still more of the coast, and the tower seems to be tottering to its fall. If nothing can be done to save it it is doomed to speedy destruction.

From the Children's Newspaper, March 24, 1923

TO A FALLEN AIRMAN

PART of Ditchling Beacon, one of the highest points of the South Downs, has been given to the National Trust by Sir Stephen Demetriadi. It will be a memorial of his son, Flying Officer R. S. Demetriadi, who at the age of 21 was killed in the Battle of Britain.

Over these rolling whale-backed Downs the Immortal Few often went into combat to defend the goodly heritage spread out in a vast panorama from Ditchling Beacon's breezy summit. A gallant airman could have no worthier memorial.

For the Abbey



Joan Fitzpatrick, a Chief Petty Officer in the Girls' Nautical Training Corps, has been chosen to attend the Coronation as a representative of the National Association of Training Corps for Girls. Joan, who is 17, lives at Newton-le-Willows, and is training to be a secretary.

SOLITUDE

To sit on rocks, to muse o'er flood and fell,
To slowly trace the forest's shady scene,
Where things that own not man's dominion dwell,
And mortal foot hath ne'er or rarely been;
To climb the trackless mountain all unseen,
With the wild flock that never needs a fold;
Alone o'er steep and foaming falls to lean;
This is not solitude; tis but to hold
Converse with Nature's charms, and view her stores unrolled.

But midst the crowd, the hum, the shock of men,
To hear, to see, to feel, and to possess,
And roam along, the world's tired denizen,
With none who bless us, none whom we can bless;
Minions of splendour shrinking from distress!
None that, with kindred consciousness endured
If we were not, would seem to smile the less
Of all that flattered, followed sought, and sued;
This is to be alone; this, this is solitude!

Byron

Look at the time—I must fly

AIR travel is becoming increasingly popular, not only for long-distance journeys abroad but also for trips within this country. This is revealed by two recent announcements of British European Airways.

Next month the new 47-seater Elizabethan airliner will come into operation for the first time on the morning and evening services between London and Manchester; this plane has eleven more seats than the Viking used on the route. Airliners on the morning and evening services between London and Scotland will also begin to call at Birmingham.

The time is not far distant when all big towns will be on air routes, and we shall all travel by plane as a matter of course. The phrase "I must fly" will then have a more literal meaning.

Quick March!

The pace is fast, the wind is blowing—
Maybe tomorrow it will be snowing.
Our footsteps hurry; warmth we need;
Quick action prompts our every deed.
And then the lion slinks away,
To let a lamb its joy display...
The protean actor, March, can be
A whirlwind, or a quiet sea.
To read his mind, no soul can dare—
One thing is sure—Spring's in the air.

Spencer Leeming

Uncommon Prayer

DEAR God, the French have a proverb: "Ask the young, they know everything!" Advance us to the knowledge that we know nothing, save that Thy will is our salvation, and grant us humility to accept it without question and with thanksgiving.

That is an extract from Cecil Hunt's latest anthology, Uncommon Prayers for Younger People. Published this week by Hodder and Stoughton at 6s., it is a highly-commendable little book that "will be personal to you, and friendly, because it is to friends we show our best selves."

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THINGS SAID

EVERY motorist who sees a ball roll into the road should assume it is being chased by a child. Chief Constable of Essex

As a teacher for nearly 50 years how many hours I have wasted teaching rules—I before e, except after e. Why the position of the letters should change in Believe and Deceive I do not know. Mr. R. Morley, M.P.

WE ought to support the United Nations as the one world association on which nations on both sides of the iron curtain and of the east and west are able to meet together. The Archbishop of York

THE stories of the "oldest inhabitants" should be recorded. Their items of information are like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, which fit together to make a pattern of local history. Canon P. T. E. Wareham

I FIND that the men who have come up the hard way become top managers, while the university graduate too often ends up in a technical pigeon-hole. I want to raise the status of all undergraduates to the level of the man on the shop floor. Sir Frederick Handley Page

IN THE COUNTRY

MARCH is an attractive month to be out-of-doors, despite the fact that "winter oft lingers in the lap of Spring."

Apart from grass, vegetation is still sparse; but daisies are flaunting their fresh rosettes of leaves among the turf in sheltered corners, and coltsfoots are dotting wayside banks with yellow discs.

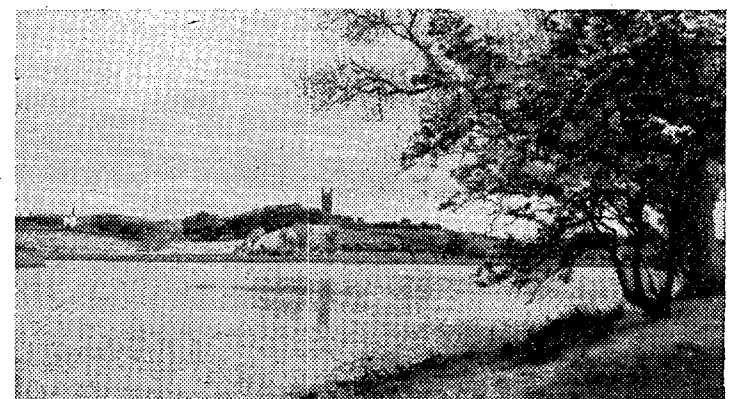
In the lane leading to the woodland chaffinches in their Spring finery flit from the hedges, displaying the beauty of their plumage as they dart away when a wayfarer happens to draw near.

Blue tits flicker gaily in the sunshine, their bright springtime colours gleaming.

On a mild day the brimstone butterfly may be seen; and bees, too, are out and about where the gorse lights up its lamps to attract them on a warm, sunny afternoon.

JUST AN IDEA

As Francis Bacon wrote: A wise questioning is the half of knowledge.



OUR HOMELAND

Looking across the River Quoile to Downpatrick, reputed burial-place of St. Patrick

LEARNING TO BE A FARMER

Here is the third of a series of monthly articles describing the progress of young Ian Farley, who has taken up a scholarship at an agricultural college.

3. Surprises in the poultry department

DURING his first weeks at the Agricultural College Ian had taken a special interest in the lectures on poultry keeping.

At Mr. Waring's, where he had had his first lessons in farming, a few dozen hens were kept and were allowed to roam all over the farmyard, picking up whatever food they could find. As long as they produced enough eggs to meet the needs of the farmhouse and a few friends nobody worried about them.

Ian was therefore surprised to find that, properly managed, hens

happy, living in a cage all by themselves like that?" asked Ian.

"That's what everyone says," answered the poultryman, "but they aren't really. They can see each other, and 'talk' to each other, and they have all the food and water they require. Proof lies in the fact that they lay very well indeed, for it is well-known that an unhappy or discontented hen will not lay any eggs."

"But why go to all this trouble and expense of giving each hen its own cage," persisted Ian, "when they could be running about in one of the fields and sleeping in an ordinary henhouse?"

"That easy to answer," said the poultryman. "Let us imagine you had a hundred hens in an ordinary henhouse and that you were getting fifty eggs a day from them. How are you to find out which hens are laying those fifty eggs and which ones are lounging about, eating good food and doing nothing in return?"

"You cannot; but in the battery system you can see at a glance which hens are laying because the egg stays in the cage of the hen that laid it until you

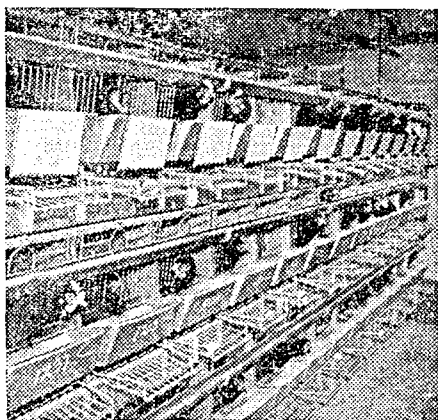
collect it. That means that you can remove all the hens that aren't laying and replace them with ones that are."

The poultryman then sent Ian to look at some newly-hatched chicks which had been put in the hover only that morning. This was a small box-like structure with a lamp inside it to keep the chicks warm.

When he got there Ian was rather concerned to see all the chicks running around in a small pen attached to the hover.

"I think they must be cold," he said when he came back; "they are all running about and flapping their

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A laying battery with fixed food and water supply for the poultry

can be a most profitable sideline on any ordinary farm; and he was pleased when it was his turn to have a week's practical duty at the College poultry department so that he could see the lessons of the classroom put into practice.

He found that the College hens were kept under what is known as the battery system, with the hens each having a cage to themselves in which they stay all their lives, being given unlimited food in a tray at the front of the cage.

At the College an old building had been converted to house hundreds of cages in tiers, so it was almost as though one were looking at the hens in a zoo aviary.

"Surely the poor things are un-

CHURCH WITH ITS OWN BUS

A motor-bus has been commissioned for passenger service for the ancient church of Felkirk, near Barnsley, which stands in an isolated spot and serves several outlying villages.

Mr. George Cooper, a haulage contractor, presented it to the church, and it will be used for general parish work on weekdays and conveyance of churchgoers on Sundays.

Newly-painted in blue and cream, the bus carries a chromium crucifix on its radiator cap, and is driven by the vicar, the Revd. T. B. Webster, though members of the congregation will share the driving duties later.

SHEPHERD'S WHEEL

Licensing regulations do not allow fares to be charged, but the people have been reminded that the success of the scheme depends upon their offerings, running costs being estimated at 2s. a mile.

Canon T. H. Cashmore, Commissioner of the Wakefield Diocese, who conducted the inaugural service, said, "The shepherd of olden days went out among his flock on his two feet with a crook in his hands. In these days the shepherd of Felkirk goes with a steering-wheel in his hands and a bus under his feet."

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wings as if they were trying to keep warm."

"Oh, that's all right," said the poultryman, "they're just stretching their legs a bit; that shows they're fine and healthy and full of life. If they were cold they'd all be crowding round the lamp inside the hover, and then there'd be danger of them smothering each other."

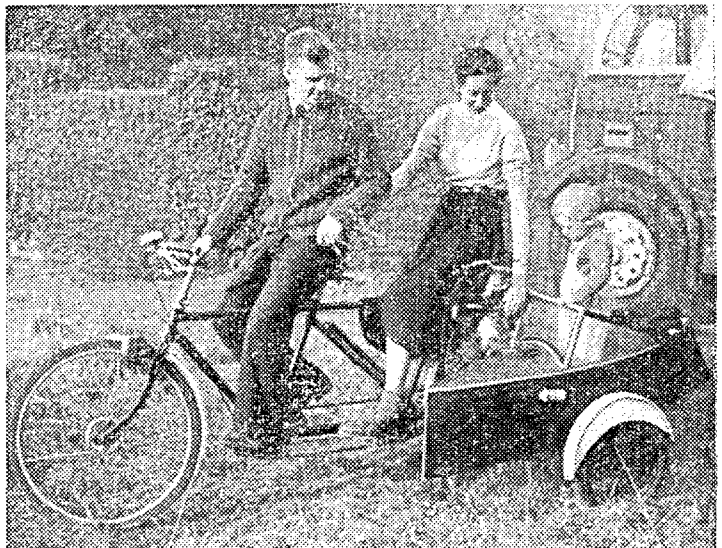
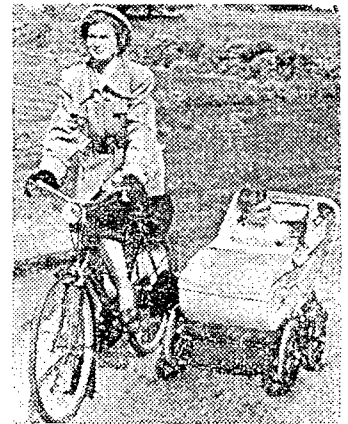
Whatever Ian had thought about keeping hens before he came to the College, after that week in the poultry department he knew there was much more in it than just throwing them a bit of corn now and then and collecting what few eggs there were.

As the poultryman said, "the hens should keep the farmer—not the farmer keep the hens!"

Ways of getting around



Above: a new British light-weight caravan that can be towed by a motor-cycle; right: a pram that can be quickly converted into a bicycle sidecar.



The Whitford family of Southend-on-Sea on their tandem, with sidecar for little Jimmy, which they will ride across Canada to British Columbia, where Mr. Whitford is going to work on a farm.

CORONATION CONCERT FOR CHILDREN

A pageant of English music and dancing from Elizabeth I to Elizabeth II is to be given by London schoolboys and girls at the Albert Hall on June 23 and 24.

It should be a grand spectacle for Coronation month. There will be about 1000 young voices in the choir, and some 250 pupils will perform in the pageantry and dancing.

The Elizabethan episode will show the entry of the Court and the presentation of copyright to the composers Byrd and Tallis. There will be dances of the period and such Elizabethan songs as Now is the Month of Maying, and Fine Knacks for the Ladies.

In the Restoration episode,

Charles II being welcomed on his return by General Monk will be enacted, and among the songs will be The Passing of the Moon, Fairest Isle, and Come Unto These Yellow Sands, all set to music by Purcell.

One of the Hanoverian scenes will be the reconciliation of George I with Handel.

For the modern period, Vaughan Williams's Folk Dance Suite has been selected for the dances, and his John Barleycorn, and An Acre of Land will be among the songs.

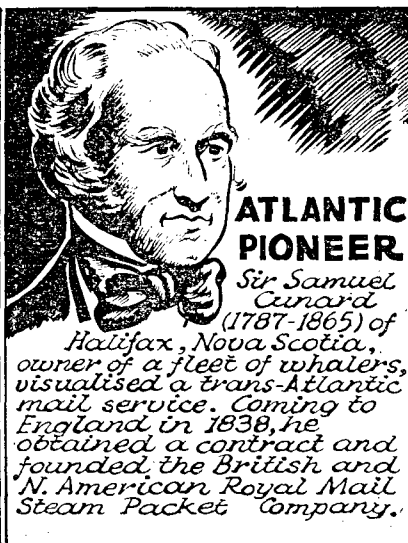
This colourful concert has been arranged by the L.C.C. in co-operation with the London Schools Music Association.

Empire Mosaic—29



MAKING FIRE

Friction is the normal method of fire-making among Australian Aborigines. A hard mulga-wood stick is revolved between the hands against a piece of softer wood, heat thus being generated to ignite the tinder.

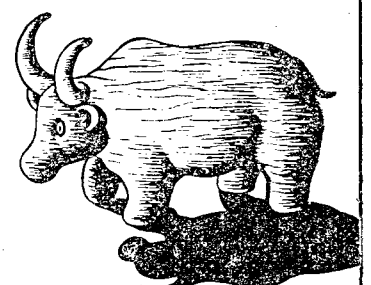


ATLANTIC PIONEER

Sir Samuel Cunard (1787-1865) of Halifax, Nova Scotia, owner of a fleet of whalers, visualised a trans-Atlantic mail service. Coming to England in 1838, he obtained a contract and founded the British and N. American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

DRAMA OF NEWFOUNDLAND

It was on June 11, 1583 that Sir Humphrey Gilbert sailed from Plymouth on his second voyage of discovery. On August 5 he landed at St. John's, Newfoundland, and formally took possession in the name of Queen Elizabeth. He was returning to England when his ship foundered off the Azores and sank with all hands.



ZULU CARVING

Cattle occupy an honoured position in Bantu culture, and are a favourite subject among modellers and woodcarvers.

by Ridgway

TUSKS FOR SALE

The first of this year's auctions of elephant tusks has been held at London Docks, chief centre of the trade.

Most of the commercial ivory comes from African elephants, with smaller supplies from India; and the bulk of it is shipped to London, there to be resold.

Despite the fact that plastics have largely replaced ivory for trinkets, ornaments, and similar articles, tusks are still in demand for the manufacture of piano keys, billiard balls, and a host of small items.

Supplies of ivory tusks were at a low ebb for some years after the war. One reason was that we used to receive tusks from Russia, but that country has not been exporting ivory for many years. There are no elephants in Russia, and the tusks were obtained in a curious way—they were dug up from the ground in the frozen wastes of Siberia.

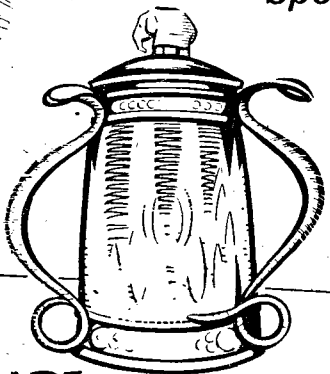
Siberian tusks are actually those of the giant mammoths which died out over 500 centuries ago, were frozen over and buried, and have remained in a state of preservation until this day. The tusks have been "mined" for over 200 years.

The last complete mammoth to be dug up was reported in 1934, and so well was it preserved that the flesh was still in perfect condition. Usually, however, digging uncovers just the skeleton of the mammoth—and the huge tusks, so heavy that it takes three men to carry one of them.

INN INTO MUSEUM

The Tam o' Shanter Inn in the High Street of Ayr, a reputed meeting-place of Tam o' Shanter and Souter Johnnie, may become a museum.

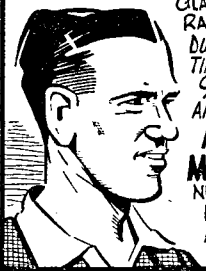
The premises are owned by Ayr Town Council, who acquired them for £4000, and the present lessees are being asked to leave as soon as possible. Ayr Burns Club subscribed £1250 toward the purchase price, and would like the inn converted into a Burns Museum.




MADE OF MONEY! —

WHEN THE CALCUTTA RUGBY CLUB (INDIA) CLOSED DOWN WITH CASH IN HAND IN 1878, THE MONEY WAS DRAWN FROM THE BANK IN SILVER RUPEES. THESE WERE MELTED TO MAKE THE CALCUTTA CUP, PRESENTED TO THE RUGBY UNION FOR ANNUAL COMPETITION BETWEEN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

Sporting Flashbacks



ON THE WHOLE OF HIS LONG CAREER AS OUTSIDE LEFT FOR GLASGOW RANGERS, DURING WHICH TIME HE WON 92 CAPS AND MEDALS, **ALAN MORTON** NEVER ONCE HEADED A GOAL!



RAIN

FELL SO HEAVILY IN A SOCCER MATCH BETWEEN ASTON VILLA AND SHEFFIELD UNITED THAT **CHARLES ATHERSMITH** (VILLA OUTSIDE RIGHT) HOISTED AN UMBRELLA — 1893

LISTENING TO THE OLD FOLK AT HOME

A Derbyshire woman who has lived for many years in Canada has been listening to a recording of the church bells and the talk of the people in her native village of Eyam. She is Mrs. A. Galvin, wife of an engineer in the iron-ore mines of the Ontario town of Atikokan, a Red Indian name meaning "last resting-place of the caribou."

The 30-minute recording was made in her brother's home and sent out to far-off Atikokan. It was a delightful idea, making it possible for Mrs. Galvin to hear

her kith and kin chatting over a meal, giving her messages, and asking questions about her Canadian home.

The cottage window was opened to let in the music of Eyam church bells calling the villagers to worship, and the voices of three choristers were also recorded.

Mr. Galvin was reminded that his father was the last person to be seen riding a penny-farthing bicycle in the village.

The recording was also designed to interest friends of the Galvins who have never visited England. It included tidbits of history about the ancient lead-mining industry which still provides work for the villagers, and about the stout cottage in which the recording was made—a cottage which was standing in the days of the plague which gave Eyam a shining place in Derbyshire annals.

That plague came to Eyam in September 1665, carried from London in a box of old clothes, and when it abated, just over a year later, only 83 people were left out of 350. And never will the villagers forget the two parsons—William Mompesson and Thomas Stanley—who saw the tragedy through to its appalling end.

The recording now being played at Atikokan ends with Mrs. Galvin's friends singing The Day Thou Gavest and Auld Lang Syne. What sweet thoughts of childhood must come to her as she listens!

Again she must see the old familiar places she left behind—the old stone houses of the long, wide, old-world street on a terrace of the hills, and Eyam Edge towering 400 feet above the village.

Atikokan's population has grown from 300 to 10,000 in her time, but there is a corner of old Derbyshire there in an Eyam woman's heart.

NORTHUMBRIAN PAGEANT

A thousand Northumbrian schoolchildren will gather in Alnwick next June to take part in a four-day Coronation pageant.

The historic town will swarm with men-at-arms, trumpeters, beefeaters, and tumblers.

There could be no better place for staging a historic pageant than Alnwick. Its great castle, the seat of the Duke of Northumberland, was the stronghold of the doughty Percy family, and the Percy Lion will be the pageant symbol.

The headmaster of the Duke's Grammar School at Alnwick will be Director of the Pageant.

AHOY THERE, AUSTRALIA!

Seventeen Australian cricketers, including quite a bunch of youngsters, have said au revoir to their families and are now on the high seas en route for England, writes a C.N. correspondent in Sydney, who sends these notes:

Seventeen-year-old Ian Craig is the baby of the team. He is keen, and full of determination to do his level best. He has struck up a friendship with young Alan Davidson, also of Sydney—his home is not far away from Ian's.

Ron Archer, of Queensland, who is only 19, is new to top-class cricket; but he has a big heart, is a fine player in the making, and may do great things.

Young Jim de Courcy and Richie Benaud, both of New South Wales, and both good all-rounders, are looking forward eagerly to their tour.

Classical Graeme Hole (South Australia) and the magnificent Neil Harvey (Victoria) are only in their early 20s. Both should scintillate on the green fields of England.

OLD HANDS

Hassett, Morris, Lindwall, Miller, W. Johnston, Ring, and Tallon will form the backbone of experience. Young Colin Macdonald will almost certainly open with Arthur Morris. Jack Hill, a newcomer from Victoria, may spring some surprises as a bowler, and Don Tallon and Gil Langley will vie for the position of wicket-keeper.

Sir Donald Bradman thinks that all the signs point to a very even struggle, and has written:

"Cricket in Australia was stimulated by South Africa. Their whole attitude to the game was delightful . . . I, for one, hope our players and those of the Mother Country will in the forthcoming series do still more to popularise a sport which is unquestionably an invisible asset in the Empire balance-sheet."

So, dear homeland (our Sydney correspondent concludes), prepare for something really good.

THE CORAL ISLAND—R. M. Ballantyne's story of the South Seas, told in pictures (9)



The three lads and Avatea, the native girl they were trying to rescue, soon realised that the craft pursuing them was one of Tararo's war canoes. All four of them paddled as hard as they could, but the other canoe soon overtook them. The boys stood up, prepared to fight to the last, but the big canoe rammed them, and they were all thrown into the sea. They were dragged out and bound hand and foot. Avatea was not tied up.



Back in Tararo's island, they were taken before him. He was very angry. Speaking through the Christian native teacher, he asked why they had abused his hospitality? Jack replied defiantly, and Tararo, in a great rage, exclaimed: "You and your companions shall die!" They were led away and shut up in a dark cave which was barricaded at its entrance.



Later three men came and hauled them out. They thought they were being taken back to Tararo's hut, and that perhaps he had changed his mind. Then they saw a procession of excited natives, beating drums, coming towards them. They were placed at the head of it, and the whole crowd moved off into the woods. As the boys were goaded through the trees, they realised with horror that they were on the way to the temple where human victims were sacrificed!



Then something unexpected happened. There was a growl of thunder and heavy drops of rain fell. All day it had been very hot and the sky had been overcast. Now one of the dreaded Pacific hurricanes suddenly burst on the island with a deafening roar. The natives, who knew too well the devastation that was to follow, fled right and left to save their property.

Have the boys any chance of escaping Tararo in this hurricane? See next week's instalment

Thrilling new serial of adventure in Norway

TUESDAY ADVENTURE

by John Pudney

1. The adventure begins

As usual, Uncle George decided on a trip to Norway in a hurry at the last moment.

"So far as you're concerned," he said, "it's a good chance to see Norway. Lucky break, in fact. I've got one or two jobs to do in the Sardanger district—Sardanger's one of the big fjords up-country behind Bergen—and as I've got to ship some stuff over with me in the station wagon, a little extra weight won't do any harm. You'll have to work your passage, of course, loading and unloading when I need some help . . ."

Fred and I knew better than to ask what the load was and why Uncle George was going to Norway so suddenly in the spring holidays.

Uncle George is a scientist, and his job at Fort X is hush-hush. Nobody must ever ask him about it. He has a way of exploding like one of his own home-made bombs when he is in no mood for questions and his old wound is giving him trouble.

Anyway, his fishing gear and quite an assortment of official-looking boxes were packed into the station wagon, and he announced to everyone that the expedition to Norway was to find out if there were any fish in the fjords.

He showed us one thing while he was packing. This was his new Flashray camera, which takes pictures by day or by night without any special flash apparatus.

Uncle George told us it was such a new development that it had not been put on the market. "They're still almost in the experimental stage," he said, "and if you can work this one it will prove that anybody can." Then he packed it away, and we set out for Newcastle and the M.S. Venus.

It was a wild drive in the station wagon from Chipperley in the south where we live, and most of the way Uncle George drove fast.

Embarkation

It was raining when we reached Newcastle, and there was little enough time to spare for the drive down to the Tyne Commission Quay. Nobody could have been more unpopular than the man with the reddish beard who not only tried to thumb a lift but almost threw himself in front of the car.

"Are you going down to the Venus?" he shouted, as Uncle George jammed on the brakes.

Uncle George told him to jump in, and the bearded man piled into the front seat with his two rucksacks. He explained that he had been travelling on a motor-cycle and had had a puncture.

He had tried to continue the journey, he told us, "riding with the tyre flat, but the slippery state of the roads made that impossible, so I just had to abandon the thing in the first garage I could find and hope for a lift."

When we reached the quay, we learned that our passenger's name

was Malcolm Murdoch and that he had travelled from Glasgow. I do not think we should ever have given that another thought had it not been for certain incidents during the voyage.

Fred and I were standing by the port rail of the after deck, seeing the last of the Tyne, when we noticed Murdoch by the stern. Suddenly something about him struck me.

Investigation

"I say, Fred, isn't he rather clean?"

"There's no reason why he shouldn't be, even if he has got a beard—"

"No, but his shoes and trousers. If he'd been riding a motor-bike through all that rain and along those greasy roads, particularly with a flat tyre—"

"I see what you mean. Why don't you go and pump him?"

"All right, I will."

I edged along the ship's rail and said: "It's too bad about your motor-bike, Mr. Murdoch."

"My motor-bike?"

"Yes. Jolly bad luck having to leave it behind. What sort is it?"

"It's— My word, look at the way that seagull swooped down!" He pointed eagerly to one particular seagull crossing the wake of the ship.

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and instead I said: "You were just about to say what sort of a motor-bike yours was."

He shook his head. "To me a motor-bike is just a means of getting from one place to another. I'm not interested in who makes them."

"But yours must be an all-weather type," I went on chattily.

"All-weather?"

"You seem to have ridden a long way without getting wet."

Mr. Murdoch had had enough. "That's neither here nor there," he muttered, and strode away.

When Fred and I discussed this, we were convinced that Mr. Murdoch had not got a motor-cycle, and that he had made up the story about the flat tyre. But we could not imagine why.

Later we tackled Uncle George on the subject.

"Just an artist with a loose screw," he laughed. "Quite a decent chap, though. Keen water-colour painter, apparently. Going to sketch the fjords."

Overheard

We thought no more about Mr. Murdoch until the next morning, when Uncle George said we could have a look at the workings of the ship, as several of the officers had known him during the war.

The radio room was specially interesting, and Uncle George left us there with a relief operator. We were sitting with him, behind the duty officer, when we noticed that a passenger who had come to the hatch to hand in a radiogram was having some difficulty. The passenger was Mr. Murdoch, and the duty officer did not seem to be able to read his handwriting.

We had no business to know what messages passengers were sending, but we could not help cribbing Murdoch's for both he and the duty officer repeated it aloud. It was addressed to someone in Bergen, and the text was: *Shall operate Tuesday—repeat Tuesday.*

At the lunch table afterwards, I said: "Even if he's an artist with a screw loose, Uncle George, isn't it rather odd that he talks about operating?"

"The trouble with you is that you read too many thrillers. You begin to think every man you meet is a secret agent."

And that was that.

When the time came to disembark, most of the passengers with cabins on "A" deck assembled with their hand luggage round the top of the lift. Uncle George had been met by somebody special, and Fred and I were left to find our own way ashore.

Murdoch stood with us beside the lift. He was carrying his two rucksacks himself, determined not to let any of the stewards handle them. The lift filled up so quickly that we had to stand back and wait our turn.

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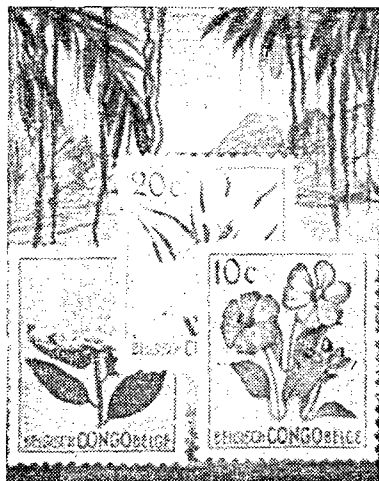
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WORCESTERSHIRE are bringing two young Australian cricketers to this country on a two-year contract. They are Noel Hughes, 23-year-old batsman, and 22-year-old Don Harkness, a promising all-rounder.



Jean Mankelow, 13, and Hazel Blandy, 15, sprinting round the track at Victoria Park, London, where they are being coached by Jack Hillyard the A.A.A. coach. Jean (left) and Hazel are both members of the Essex Ladies A.C.

ONCE again those two lawn tennis "evergreens," Jean Borotra and Henri Cochet, have been amazing Londoners by their play. Borotra, aged 54, and Cochet, aged 51, were in the Paris team that defeated London in the three-day match at Queen's Club.

Two other "old" players who are still winning matches are Victor Barna, winner of ten world doubles titles, who is 41, and Adrian Haydon, captain of our men's Swaythling Cup team, who is 43. The oldest players there, they have paired up for the men's doubles event in the world championships in Bucharest next week.

FRANK SANDO, one of our outstanding cross-country and distance runners, has been presented with a bronze plaque by the Kent A.A.A. to commemorate his fine running in the Olympic 10,000 metres, the A.A.A. 6-mile championship, and the Inter-Counties 3-mile event. He set up personal records in each of these.

DAVID GIBSON, 16-year-old Wallington County Grammar School boy, seems to be on the threshold of a prominent career in two sports. At cricket he has appeared already for Surrey Colts. This winter he has played Rugby for London and Home Counties Schools against the Midlands, and also in a schools international trial.

BARRY SHEPHERD, of Perth, who is 15, leapt into Australian cricket news recently. Captaining the Donnybrook-Colle' team in the Western Australian junior cricket week tournament, he scored four centuries (122, 157, 148, and 147) without once losing his wicket, and then helped his side to win the final and the trophy by capturing eight wickets for 25 runs.

DAVID THORNTON, of Skipton Grammar School, who is the Yorkshire schoolboy mile champion, recently won his school's senior cross-country race for the fourth successive year.

BILLY SIDWELL, who, with Tony Mottram, reached the men's doubles finals at Wimbledon in 1947, has been looking after 16-year-old Michael Price, one of Britain's three tennis hopes wintering in Australia. Recently they won the men's doubles event in a tournament at Bathurst—Michael's first victory Down Under.

NEWLY-APPOINTED president of the Club Cricket Conference is Mr. Len Newman who, at 63, is still making centuries. Since he began playing cricket, Mr. Newman has scored more than 80,000 runs and made 248 centuries. In 1935 he scored 4138 runs.

TUESDAY ADVENTURE

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As the gates closed and it moved downward, Murdoch shouted to the operator to stop. The smaller of his two rucksacks had been left behind at our feet. The lift was already in motion, and the liftman said he would bring down the bag himself on his next trip.

"We may as well take it with us," Fred said, picking it up. "But what a weight!"

I took the other strap. "Just imagine anyone carrying all this on his back, even if he were supposed to be travelling on a motor-bike. Leave go a moment, Fred, and let me see how heavy it really is."

Fred let go of the strap before I was ready. The rucksack fell heavily, and a lot of photographic equipment spilled out. It seemed to have been wrapped in heavy rubber sheeting like the yellow rubber of a collapsible dinghy we once bought in London.

We noticed this, of course, quite by chance as we snatched up the stuff that had fallen out and tried

to put it back. But the lift came up again before we had managed this—and Murdoch with it. He had not been prepared to trust the liftman to fetch the rucksack but had stayed on in the lift still carrying the other one.

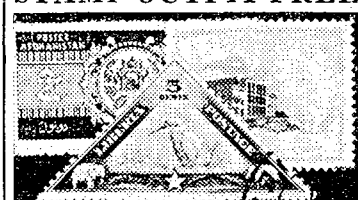
When he saw what had happened, he snatched at the lift gate and tore the rucksack away from us.

"I'm so sorry," Fred began; "I was just trying to—" Murdoch either did not hear or was too angry to speak. He pushed us aside and elbowed his way through the other people who were waiting to go down.

As we waited on the quayside for the station wagon to be unshipped, we decided that Malcolm Murdoch was a very odd hiker indeed. Not the least odd part about it was that his photographic equipment that had spilled out included a camera exactly like Uncle George's new Flashray. And that was so new that it had not been put on the market.

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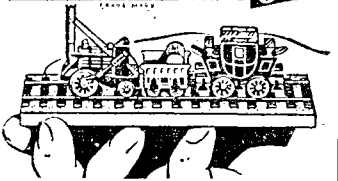
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Entente

The Paris Committee of Festivities is to print 25,000 copies of a photograph of the Queen, with French and British colours, and will distribute them among shopkeepers in Paris.

A Coronation Commemoration scholarship worth £400, open to all girls who take the common entrance examination this year, has been offered by the Principal of the Dore and Totley (Sheffield) High School for Girls.

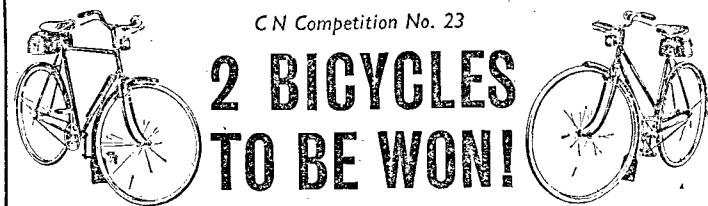
New Canterbury pilgrims

A Coronation pilgrimage on foot to Canterbury is to be made by 100 boys and girls belonging to London churches. They will follow the traditional pilgrims' route, but will have a lorry to carry their bedding and will be given hot meals by volunteers.

Huddersfield schoolchildren are to receive a Coronation edition of the New Testament.

Highland loyalty

A bagpipe band contest to find a Coronation pipe march is to be held by the Glasgow Highland Gathering Association. The winning march will be called Salute to Her Majesty.



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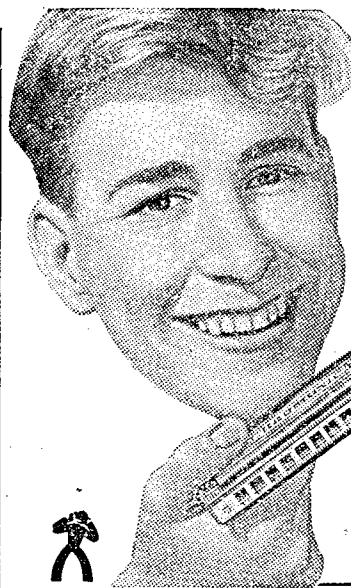
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The rooms in my grand old oak tree.

You'll move in right away, you say?

But tell me now, how will you pay?

"With beauteous songs the whole day through—
Much cheer and joy they'll bring to you."

And so that nest perched on my bough

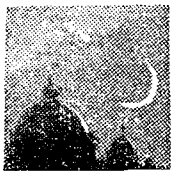
Belongs to Mr. Bird right now,
And the songs my tenant will sing
Will make me very rich this Spring.

Half-right

CHAIRMAN of a committee meeting: "I know that some of you think that one half of the committee do all the work, while the other half do nothing, but I assure you that it is just the reverse."

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Venus, Mars, and Jupiter are in the south-west, and Saturn is in the south-east. There are no planets visible in the morning. Our picture shows the Moon as it will appear at 7.30 on Wednesday evening, March 18.



NOT SUCH AN ILL WIND FOR JACKO



Roller-skating is fun, but it can be very tiring—especially if, like Jacko, you want to tow Baby and his friends and Bouncer. But a stiff breeze gave Jacko an idea. He skated home and returned with an umbrella. "What's that for?" cried the young ones. "It's not raining!" They soon caught on, however, when they saw how the wind caught the umbrella. Cried Jacko delightedly: "I don't know why people grumble at these March winds!"

Double meaning

The two missing words are similarly pronounced, but have different meanings. Can you find what they are?

IN the daylight Jack felt —,
But he'd had a narrow shave;
Now he rolled away the —,
Which before had sealed the cave.

Bolder, boulder

Spring's return

COWSLIPS in the meadows,
Blackthorn in the hedge,
Silver pussy-willows
By the water's edge;
Yellow hazel catkins
Swinging in the lane,
Birds are busy building—
Spring is here again!

Hidden players

The names of four Wolverhampton footballers are hidden in the following paragraph. Can you find them?

"LET's picnic now, right by the brook," Will said. "No, Will, I am so nervous of dragon-flies," protested his sister Sue. "They are quite harmless," assured Mac. "Rooks have been nesting here," exclaimed Jim, pointing to several dark clumps in the trees high overhead. "Fish or tomato?" Mac asked, passing Sue the sandwiches.

Answer next week

Pocket-money troubles

A SCHOOLBOY wrote to his father: "Dear Dad, I am ready for the needful—Jack."

He received by the next post the answer: "Dear Jack, the needful not ready—Dad."

Can you do it?

"SPELL a flower with two letters?" Said Jill, "Now let me see? Yes, I think that I can do it; It is an M on E."

CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two letters of the second answer, and so on.

1. Long, flat-bottomed boat peculiar to Venice, where it is used on the canals.

2. District of London famous as the site of the Archbishop of Canterbury's palace; the latter dates back to the 12th century, but was much damaged during the Second World War.

3. Name of two ancient cities, one in Egypt and the other in Greece; the Egyptian city stood where Luxor now stands, and has some remarkable ruins.

4. A Baltic State which was incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1940; was at other times governed by Sweden, Denmark, and the Teutonic Knights.

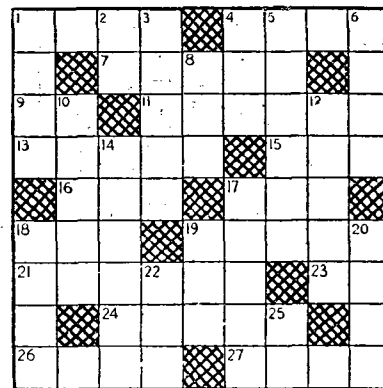
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Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Assume an attitude. 4 Not closed. 7 Growl. 9 Printers' measure. 11 Outings. 13 Skirmish. 15 Used in golf. 16 Hill. 17 A number. 18 Mackintosh. 19 Poles to support sails. 21 Escapes. 23 Thus. 24 Badgers' homes. 26 Observe. 27 Shout.

READING DOWN. 1 Verse. 2 Steamship. 3 Go in. 4 Mineral. 5 We eat off them. 6 You should breath through this. 8 Exist. 10 Substance such as iron. 12 Campers use them. 14 Destructive insect. 17 Savoury. 18 Average. 19 Encountered. 20 Earth. 22 There are many rivers of this name in Britain. 25 South-east.

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Answer next week

On these days...

IN France, March 20 is the beginning of the Hundred Days. Napoleon arrived in Paris from Elba on this day in 1815 and the period from that date until June 28, when King Louis XVIII returned to Paris after the Battle of Waterloo, became known as the Hundred Days.

The Spring Equinox—when the sun passes the plane of the Earth's equator—takes place this year on March 20. On this day the length of the night is exactly equal to the length of the day everywhere in the world.

Jumbled towns

EACH of the anagrams below spell the name of a county town. Can you find the towns—and name the county to which they belong?

HPCSWI	HWCSRNITEE
ONLDNO	GERDAINE
RETSECH	MKAOHA
AMDSOITNE	LCEARISL
TEEREX	NOBMID

Answer next week

FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

A QUEEN AWAKES. Ann saw a huge yellow and black insect on the nettles.

"Quick, Don!" she called. "I believe it's a hornet."

Don came running. "No, it is a queen wasp," he assured her. "Hornets are yellow and brown; besides, even the smallest worker is much bigger than this."

"Quite right, Don," agreed Farmer Gray, joining the children. "During early Spring, queen wasps sally forth from hibernation and seek a site for their nest."

"I don't like wasps," said Ann. "Neither do many folk, particularly fruit-growers," chuckled the farmer. "Nevertheless, wasps are scavengers, and they also destroy harmful caterpillars and flies."

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Hidden players

Lambert, Heydon, Payne, Taylor

What am I? Primrose

Chain Quiz

Durban, Andorra, Rameses, Essex

Spot Ted

Granted or permitted, hunted, started, illuminated or lighted

BEDTIME CORNER

Billy's fine service

ONE of the houses in the road that Billy lived in had a tennis court at the back, and Billy and Paul had often been told that they could have a game there if they liked.

And so one day, after borrowing two old rackets and some balls from Mummie, Billy and Paul, with Rover at their heels, made their way to the court.

They began playing, but tennis was more difficult than they thought, and the balls flew all over the place.

"We seem to spend most of our time fetching balls," puffed Billy, after they had been playing a while.

Then he had an idea. When the three balls next fell into the net he called to Rover: "Fetch 'em, boy!"

Rover dashed to the balls, picked them up one at a time, and dropped them at Billy's feet.

After that, whenever the balls went into the net, Rover, at Billy's command, would retrieve them. It was difficult to say which of the three enjoyed himself most.

"Tennis is not as tiring as I thought," chuckled Billy, as they made their way home.

SPRING LONGING

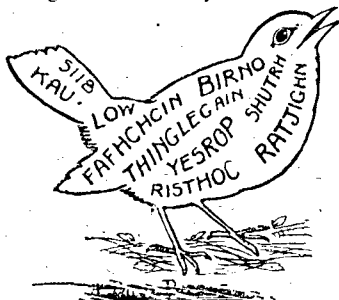
LITTLE children love the sun.

I ought to know, for I am one. To most grown-ups I am quite small.

Yet for my age I'm very tall. I'm four years old, and fairly soon I'll be at school—the first of June. My birthday is at Whitsuntide And Mummie says she's satisfied To have me running wild all day Till then, to blow my cold away. I want to whip my top, and play Out in the garden every day. And not be fastened in by rain Because my cough is bad again. For little children love the sun. I ought to know for I am one.

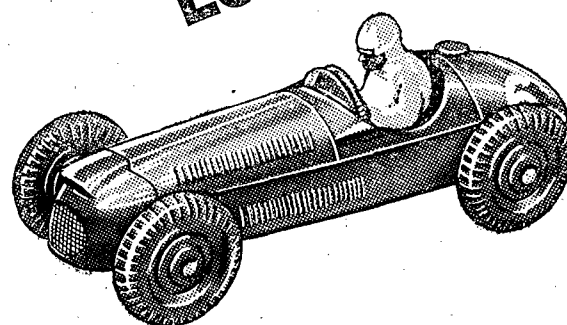
Birds in a jumble

Rearrange the jumbled names of the birds and you will find their initial letters make the name of a great event this year.



Chaffinch, owl, robin, osprey, nightingale, hawk, thrush, ibis, nightjar

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